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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR CONCORDE FLIGHT

FOR AMBASSADOR RUSH FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

BRUSSELS FOR FAA

REF: PARIS 15225

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY EXAMINED THE VARIOUS CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH IN YOUR TELEGRAM AND HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT YOU SHOULD DECLINE CAVAILLE'S INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A CONCORDE PROVING FLIGHT.

2. IN ANALOGOUS CASES, SUCH AS INAUGURAL FLIGHTS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS AUTHORIZED ACCEPTANCE WHERE THE INVITATION WAS EXTENDED TO THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF, RATHER THAN TO AN INDIVIDUAL, AND WHERE PARTICIPATION SIGNIFICANTLY AD-  
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VANCED DEMONSTRABLE REPRESENTATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE USG.

(ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH INVITATIONS IS PROHIBITED IN CASES WHERE PARTICIPATION WOULD BENEFIT OR APPEAR TO BENEFIT THE DONOR IN BUSINESS OR FINANCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.)

3. WHILE ADMITTEDLY A PROVING FLIGHT IS DIFFERENT FROM AN INAUGURAL FLIGHT, THESE GUIDING PRINCIPLES APPEAR APPLICABLE. THERE IS NO VISIBLE REPRESENTATIONAL REQUIREMENT AT STAKE IN THE PROPOSED CONCORDE PROVING FLIGHTS, FOR THE LATTER ARE NOT TO A US DESTINATION AND THUS NOT RELATED TO ANY SPECIFIC US INTEREST.

4. MOREOVER, THERE IS THE FACTOR OF THE CURRENT US DOMESTIC CONTROVERSY OVER CONCORDE LANDING RIGHTS, INCLUDING ALLEGATIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD UNDULY AND IMPROPERLY EXERTED PRESSURE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION OF THESE RIGHTS. THIS MAKES IT INADVISABLE FOR YOU EVEN TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF LENDING CREDENCE TO THE ALLEGATIONS OF OFFICIAL BIAS IN THE CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF CONCORDE SERVICES TO THE US.

5. WE REALIZE THAT YOUR INABILITY TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION WILL NOT BE AN EASY MATTER TO EXPLAIN TO CAVAILLE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID MISCONSTRUCTION BY THE FRENCH. IF YOU CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO DO SO YOU MAY POINT OUT TO HIM THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL ARE PARTICULARLY CONSTRAINED IN SUCH MATTERS BY STRICT INTERNAL REGULATIONS WHICH DO NOT ENCOMPASS OFFICIALS OF OTHER AGENCIES AND BRANCHES OF THE USG. KISSINGER

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